

STATEMENT

I, LOY W. HENDERSON, state that during the years 1936, 1937 and the first half of 1938 I served as First Secretary of the American Embassy at Moscow. At times during this period, in the absence of the American Ambassador, I was Charge d'Affaires ad interim at Moscow.

In my capacity as Charge d'Affaires, or as First Secretary of the Embassy, I had numerous conversations with Mr. SHIGEMITSU while the latter was Japanese Ambassador to the Soviet Union. As a result of these conversations, as well as of talks of a personal nature, I came to the firm belief that Mr. SHIGEMITSU was out of sympathy with the expansionist and aggressive policies of the Japanese militarists and was deeply concerned lest their growing influence might involve Japan in a world war; that he was endeavoring to prevail upon his Government not to follow an expansionist policy or to look upon war, or the threat of war as a legitimate means for attain political objectives; and that he was sincerely striving to bring about a liquidation by friendly negotiation of the differences existing at that time between the U.S.S.R. and Japan. Mr. SHIGEMITSU was frank during the course of our various conversations in condemning the aggressive

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policies of the Japanese militarists toward China and in deploring the tendencies of the Japanese Government to cooperate with the Axis powers rather than with the great democracies of the West.

During my association with Mr. SHIGEMITSU I came to have the highest regard for him because I believed him to be a man of personal integrity and idealism, a belief which was shared by most members of the American Embassy at Moscow.

(Signed) Loy W. Henderson

Washington, D.C.
December 23, 1946.

陳述書

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余ハ代理大使トシテ又ハ大使館一書記官トシテ重光氏ガ駐「ソ」日本大使テアツタ時代屢々同氏ト會談シタ。此等會談ノ結果トシテハ、余ハ、重光氏ガ日本對國者流ノ膨脹的、侵略的政策ニ門閥ヲ有セズ且ツ此等ノ者ノ勢力ノ増大ガ日本ヲ世界戰爭ニヒキ入レハシナイカト深ク心配シテ居タコト、及ビ本國政府ガ膨脹政策ヲ採ルコトナク、又戰爭又ハ戰爭ノ脅威ヲ政治的目的達成ノ合法的手段ト見ルコトノナイヤウ本國政府ヲ説得シヤウト勢力シテ居タコト、竝ニ當時日「ソ」間ニアツタ條争間日ソ友好的交渉ニヨツテ解決シヤウト熱心ニ努力シテ居タコトヲ余ハ確信スルニ至ツタ。

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余ハ重光氏トノ友交ニヨリ氏ニ最高ノ敬意ヲ拂フヤウニナツタ、ソレハ
氏ガ誠實ニシテ理想主義ノ人デアルト余ガ信ジテ居タカラデアリ、「モ
スコ」米歐大使館員ノ大部分ハ皆コノ見解ヲ懷イテ居タ。

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